Decrease in investments in core sectors

1715. SHRI P.N. SIVA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decreased the earmarked investment in the core sectors during 2001-2002;

(b) if so, the details therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to increase investment in current budget for the core sector during the next three months; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Budgetary support in the Central Plan for core sectors during 2001-02 has been increased from Rs.18218.32 crores (BE) to Rs. 20894.66 crores (RE) *i.e.* an increase of 14.69%.

Examination of export consignments

1716. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have relaxed norms for customs examination of export consignments;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) in what manner it would benefit the exporters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government has relaxed the norms of examination for export goods as a trade facilitation measure to reduce the a well time for exports. This will help reduce the transaction cost of Indian exports.